

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7017
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward Michael Ryan,
Jr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Edward Michael Ryan, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary public servant and consummate professional, Mr. Ryan worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Edward Michael Ryan, Jr. was born in New York City on the 15th of September 1941; he was known professionally as Ned Michaels; and

WHEREAS, as Ned Michaels, Mr. Ryan served with acumen and alacrity as a news reporter, news anchor, and news director for several radio and television stations in North Carolina, Connecticut, and Tennessee, including WJHL-TV in Johnson City; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his profession, Mr. Ryan first joined Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc. in 1969 and returned to Bristol in 2003 to serve as news director and anchor with the company; and

WHEREAS, an avid sports fan, Mr. Ryan rooted for the New York Mets and the Carolina Panthers; and

WHEREAS, devoted to public service, Mr. Ryan was a member of the Bristol Host Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan evinced his deep faith as a devout member of St. Anne Catholic Church, where he served in numerous capacities and sang in the choir; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his charitable and philanthropic character, Edward Ryan received numerous awards and citations from veterans groups, civic organizations, and

charitable organizations for his service to his community through the Chamber of Commerce, the March of Dimes, and the Lung Association; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Ryan served this great country by defending the principles and freedoms we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Ryan always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Mary Margaret Ryan; three brothers; and his infant son, Sean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan is survived by his beloved, Anne Tipton; two sons, Michael LeBard and wife Sharon and Patrick Terry and wife Beth; two brothers, Gerald Ryan and wife Ruth and Kevin Ryan; his sister, Rosemary Dewald and husband Larry; his granddaughter, Kathleen; two nephews; numerous cousins; one uncle; two aunts; and many friends; and

WHEREAS, Edward Ryan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Edward Michael Ryan, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a news professional and public servant and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ryan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.